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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) for
Authority to Modify Rates for Retail Electric Service and Retail
Natural Gas Service in Wisconsin

4220-UR-110

NOTICE OF HEARING

Prefiled Testimony Due:	April 9, 1998, noon
Rebuttal Testimony Due:	April 21, 1998, noon
Surrebuttal Testimony Due:	April 24, 1998, 9:00 a.m.
Hearing Date:	April 24, 1998, 9:00 a.m.
Hearing Location:	Public Service Commission, Amnicon Falls Hearing Room, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison

On November 14, 1997, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW) filed an application, under ss. 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, Stats., for authority to increase rates for retail electrical service and decrease rates of retail natural gas service. Included in the application were the filing requirements, testimony, and exhibits to support NSPW's revenue requirements calculation. On December 18, 1997, NSPW filed the remaining required testimony and exhibits regarding electric and natural gas class cost of service studies, rate design, and demand-side management. NSPW filed supplemental testimony on March 20, 1998.

The application states in part:

1. NSPW's present rate schedule for electric service was authorized by this Commission in docket 4220-UR-109, by order dated December 10, 1996.
2. NSPW's present rate schedule for natural gas service was authorized by this Commission in docket 4220-UR-109 by order dated December 10, 1996.

3. This application is based on a 1998 test year. NSPW is requesting an increase in electric revenues of 4.3 percent and a decrease in natural gas revenues of 1.9 percent.

4. NSPW is proposing several modifications to its electric rates which will recover the indicated revenue deficiency (4.3 percent) and which will eliminate the natural gas indicated revenue excess (1.9 percent).

5. NSPW requests that an order on this application be issued as soon as possible and allow rates to become effective on such date.

6. All customers will be notified of the hearing through a bill insert pursuant to s. PSC 2.73, Wis. Adm. Code.

Copies of NSPW's prefiled testimony and exhibits may be obtained by written request to NSPW's office at 100 North Barstow Street, P.O. Box 8, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702-0008.

A prehearing conference was held on March 12, 1998, in Madison Wisconsin, for the purpose of: (1) identifying the persons who will actively participate as full parties, (2) specifying dates for filing testimony and exhibits, (3) identifying and designating the issues, and (4) considering such other matters as would facilitate the hearing. The issue list developed at the prehearing may be obtained by written request to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, 610 North Whitney Way, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854. Requests should include the docket number for this case, 4220-UR-110. Parties are bound by decisions made at the prehearing conference regarding issues and schedules.

Commission staff and intervenor testimony is due in the hands of the Commission and the parties by noon, April 9, 1998. Rebuttal testimony of Commission staff, NSPW, and intervenors is due in the hands of the Commission and parties by noon, April 21, 1998. Any surrebuttal testimony of Commission staff, NSPW, and intervenors is due at the beginning of the hearing on April 24, 1998.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this matter is a Class 1 proceeding. See s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a hearing will be held on Friday, April 24, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. The hearing will be continued on Monday, April 27, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the same location if necessary.

This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way main floor entrance (Lobby). Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of NSPW. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from NSPW, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding the hearing scheduled in this notice, please contact the Examining Division, at (608) 266-1261.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to Richard Kliebenstein, Case Coordinator, at (608) 267-3598.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission.

Susan E. Stratton
Administrator
Electric Division

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